

Serial No. 10/725,325

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 18-19, 22-23 and 25-27 are pending. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the allowance of independent Claim 25. The remaining claims were rejected by the Examiner due to an informality in Claim 18 which has been corrected herein.

A typographical error in claim 19 has been corrected herein as well, specifically, the word "layer" has been added by amendment. The undersigned attorney intended to add this word in the amendment filed on February 23, 2005, however, the requisite underlining was inadvertently omitted from the previous amendment.

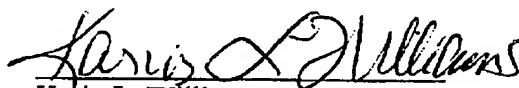
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that Claims 18-19, 22-23 and 25-27 are presently in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,


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